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**Civil Support Team conducts training in Saipan**

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, Alaska** — Members of the Alaska National Guard's 103rd Civil Support Team put their skills to the test while conducting training with other first responders during a recent exercise in Saipan May 26 and 27.

Konfitma is a multi-agency exercise that tests interoperability between Pacific region civil support teams and local first responders.

The 36-hour exercise tested a variety of Alaska's CST capabilities, from hazard identification to producing common operating procedure for all responding agencies.

"We put in a couple long days, combining chemical, biological and radiological missions with our joint units," said Lt. Col. Wayne Don, 103rd Civil Support Team commander and acting Konfitma commander.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for all agencies involved to lead and be lead by other states and their team members," Don said.

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